Precarious position of the handloom sector

1943. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom sector is in a precarious position; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of steps taken by Government to bring back normalcy in the textile industries in the handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

Excise duty on garments

1944. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the new budget, the excise duty on garments has been increased from 8 per cent to 16 per cent;

(b) whether increase in excise adversely effect the export growth of the garment industry; and

(c) if so, what action Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Excise Duty @ 16% has been introduced on readymade garments sector in the Union Budget 2001-02. There was no excise on garments earlier.

(b) Production of garments meant for exports is exempt from payment of excise.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.